

So far this year I have 11 records for this species which have been taken in my m.v. and RIS traps located in my Prestbury garden. The first two specimens, which are new to this site, were found in both traps on the night of 18 May 1999. Further specimens have been found most nights since. Surrounding the garden is a well established hedge of *Leylandii*, which I assume to be the food-plant for the larvae, as the trees show discoloured and dried out shoots. Gently tapping the hedge at dusk has not disturbed the moth so far.

Prestbury is about six miles as the Crow flies from Heald Green and lies on the eastern edge of VC58 some five miles distant from the Derbyshire border.

Could this be the year when *Argyresthia trifasciata* is recorded in greater numbers over a much wider area of the country or is there an explanation for its currently unusual distribution?— D.J. POYNTON, 1A Castlegate, Prestbury, Cheshire SK10 4AZ.

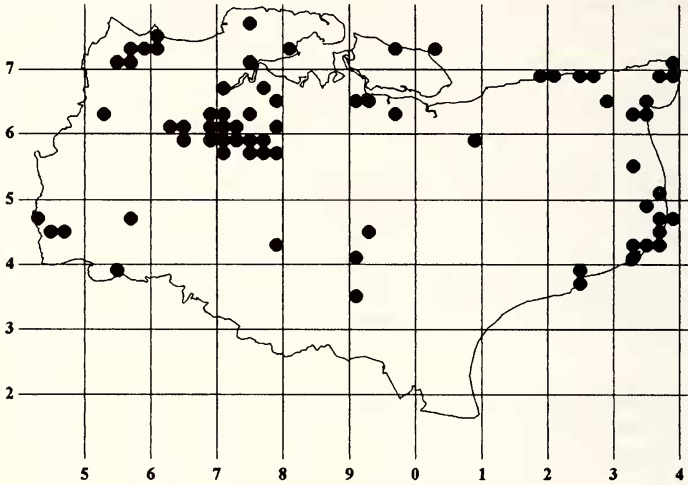
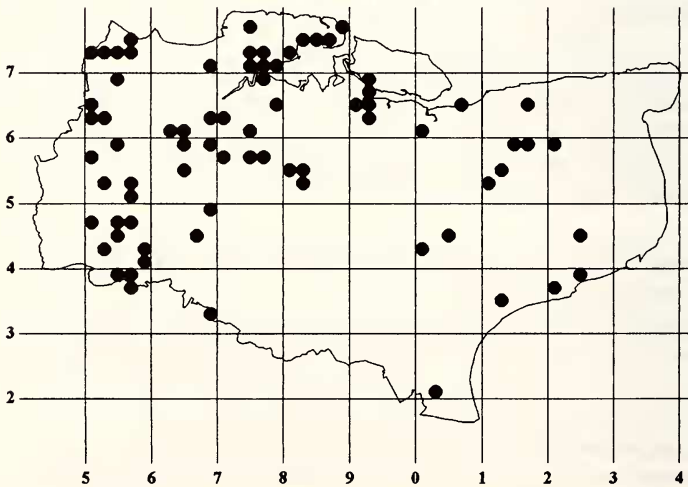
An overlooked paper on Tiree Lepidoptera

Following the publication of my article on Lepidoptera on Tiree (*Ent. Rec.* **110**: 247-9), Dr Mark Young kindly sent me a copy of a paper, that he had written with M.W. Harper, entitled *Periclepsis cinctana* (D.&S.) and other Lepidoptera on Tiree in 1984 (*Entomologist's Gaz.* **37**:199-205). It was a pity I was not aware of this paper, and that it was overlooked by R.L.H. Dennis and T.G. Shreeve for their 1996 book *Butterflies on British and Irish offshore Islands*, as it mentioned the then additional 10km square of NM 04 for *Pieris brassicae*, *Polyommatus icarus* (Rott.), *Aglais urticae* (Linn.) and *Maniola jurtina*. This important contribution to the Lepidoptera of the Inner Hebrides lists the 75 micro and macro species they encountered in Tiree between 27 June and 4 July 1984. It should also be noted that this was the occasion of their remarkable discovery of *Periclepsis cinctana* and not early- to mid-July 1985 as I was wrongly informed.— DEREK C. HULME, Ord House Drive, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire IV6 7UQ.

The status of *Oedemera nobilis* (Scopoli) and *O.lurida* (Marshall) (Col.: Oedemeridae) in Kent

I was interested to read the notes by Mr A.A. Allen (*Ent. Rec.* **110**:293) and by Mr L. Clemons (*antea*: 141-143) on the apparent local distribution of these two striking beetles. I must agree with Mr Clemons that the apparent rarity is in part due to the lack of recording, but I am at a loss to understand his concluding remark about a lack of any centralised recording effort. I personally have been collating records of Coleoptera found in Kent since the early 1950s and indeed Mr Clemons has supplied me with records in the past, so surely his remark must have been a slip of the pen.

The accompanying maps show the recorded distribution of these two species in the county from 1971 onwards although the majority of the records are from the 1980s and 1990s. Bearing in mind the limited number of recorders, *Oedemera lurida* appears to be generally distributed throughout the county whilst *O. nobilis*, although occasionally occurring elsewhere, is more restricted to the chalk and coastal areas.

Oedemera nobilis**Oedemera lurida**

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